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# U.S. Decision On Ownership Of Fort Asked

The U. S. attorney general was asked for an opinion Friday on the question of who owns Fort Huachuca, an issue in a state of confusion.

The request was made by Governor Pyle through U. S. Sen. Carl Hayden. It concerns that part of the fort held by the state game and fish commission.

It arose out of the recent action of the air force in "commandeering" the area for an air training installation.

The state's attorney general has advised the governor that this action had the effect of recapturing title to the land which the government ceded to the state after World War II.

Press reports from Washington indicate the air force project is canceled and the army has plans for a big troop training center at Huachuca.

If the air force now legally holds the property, who has the authority to grant the army entry? That is the question posed to the attorney general.

The National Geographic Society says Indians made the first brooms used by American housewives.



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it Depot in San Diego,

Beach of Wickenburg completed recruit training at Naval Training Center, Meigs, Calif.

Paul J. Patula, Jr., son of Mrs. Paul Patula, Sr., of 4, Box 302-G, Phoenix, re-completed his recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Woodrow W. Smith, son of Vertie Smith of 2945 East Perry Street, recently was promoted to the rank of major at Isle Barracks, Pa., where he has been an instructor in the nation and education department of the Armed Forces Information School for the past six months. He is a graduate of Phoenix Union High School and Phoenix College.

## Pyle Advised Army To Take Fort Huachuca

The army will reacquire title and reoccupy Fort Huachuca, soon. That notice was received Tuesday by Governor Pyle from Archibald S. Alexander, undersecretary of the army.

Pyle said he would ask Sen. Carl Hayden to see if the decision is final, and to determine if a lease arrangement still could be substituted.

The undersecretary's telegram threw the status of the state game department's research work at Fort Huachuca and its buffalo herd into uncertainty again. A decision in January was that the fort's title would be left with the state with the air force and army being given right of entry and full jurisdiction.

Alexander advised that the new decision was reached after a series of conferences between the two branches of the service. The air force already has moved into the fort. The status of this move was uncertain.

The army undersecretary said reoccupation of the fort "will be done in such a manner as to cause a minimum disruption to the activities now conducted by the State of Arizona."

He did not indicate whether the state must move the buffalo herd and other game animals.

## Army Plans Cloud Fate Of Buffalo

The future status of Arizona's buffalo herd at Fort Huachuca was clouded today following a report the army plans to reacquire title to the property.

The buffalo, placed on a controlled range at the fort by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, are in the middle of the former military reservation's training ground.

Gov. Howard Pyle received a telegram yesterday from Archibald S. Alexander, undersecretary of the army, stating the army's intentions. It was not taken to mean that plans of the air force to use a portion of the base would be affected.

HOWEVER, no definite word was included on what disposition would be made of the buffalo and other forms of wild life placed at the fort by the game department.

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Governor Pyle said he planned to communicate immediately with Sen. Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.) to determine if the army's decision to regain title is final. He had favored an arrangement whereby the state, which took over the property after World War II, would lease the property to the army.

MEANWHILE, it was reported at Bisbee that the Continental Air Command would be the air force branch to use the fort. It had previously been believed the Air Training Command planned to drill recruits there.

The Continental Air Command is the official personnel procurement agency for the air force, with headquarters at Mitchell Air Force Base.